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A summary of the food outlook especially designed to give maximum advance information to food editors to help them plan food features.

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- MEAT: Total meat output may run about 3 to 4% under 1957, since cattle slaughter will probably continue below last year's rate. While summer and fall marketings of fed cattle will likely be above last summer, slaughter of cattle off grass, including cows, will be somewhat smaller.
- Beef: Cattle and calf slaughter this year may be reduced enough to lift next January 1 inventories slightly above figures at the beginning of 1958. If this occurs, cyclical reduction, lasting only two years, will be shortest on record.
- Pork: This spring's pig crop ran 2% above year earlier, and fall farrowings are expected to increase 13%. Hog slaughter will likely rise above 1957 at times this summer, but fall slaughter expected to hold near last fall's level. Hog producers' plans for 13% greater fall farrowings indicate sizeable increase in slaughter next spring.
- POULTRY:
- Chicken: Summer broiler supplies expected to be about a fifth greater than last year. Recent hatchings and egg settings--basis of broiler output through about August--point to about 12% increase over that period last year.
- Turkey: Hatchings continue below 1957, indicating turkey crop perhaps 10% smaller than last year's record 81 million birds.
- Eggs: Monthly egg production has been declining seasonally, but has been increasing compared with last year. Until June, production was below last year. But later on, production will exceed year earlier by gradually increasing percentages. By year's end a somewhat larger flock than on last January 1--and including more pullets--will probably lay at a slightly higher rate than in 1957.
- DAIRY
- PRODUCTS: This year's milk production seems likely to at least equal last year's record of 126 billion pounds, and may exceed it.
- VEGETABLES:
- Fresh: Summer vegetable estimates point to about same acreage as last year. While spring forecasts were slightly higher than 1957, they ran about average. Moderate increases in production expected for early summer cabbage and onions and a sizeable increase for green peppers. These increases will be about offset by smaller output of early summer carrots, celery, and cucumbers.
- Canned: While total remaining supplies are moderately below last year, stocks of most items are still sizeable. Although smaller than 1957, carryover stocks of most items at end of the 1957-58 season were ample to heavy.
- Frozen: While supplies are materially below 1957, stocks of most frozen vegetables continue heavy.

Potatoes: Early summer potato crop estimated at 9 million, 574 thousand hundred-weight--6% above last year but 3% below average.